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I am opposed to the draft memorandum of understanding being circulated to state boards of pharmacy by the Federal Drug Administration regarding an effort to limit specialized pharmacies. I want to have full freedom to choose the source of any medication that I may need. I do not see any reason to limit my access to specialized pharmacies and the medications that are available through them..

I object to the definition of "inordinate amount" contained in the draft memorandum of understanding being circulated. There is no medical reason to limit the number of prescriptions that a pharmacy ships out of state. A good specialized pharmacy might well have many orders being shipped out of state since not every town has its own specialized pharmacy. When my doctor and I choose to do business with a specialized compounding pharmacy that is located in another state besides New York, I believe that I have a right to make that medical choice, and that my access to medication should not be restricted.

I am opposed to this attempt to limit my right and my doctor's right to full freedom of medical choice.

Thank you for your attention.

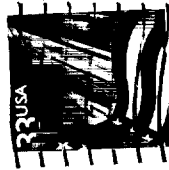
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